

William Blacklock Carriage House  
18 Bull Street  
Charleston  
Charleston County  
South Carolina

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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143 South Third Street  
Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania

## WILLIAM BLACKLOCK CARRIAGE HOUSE

Address: 18 Bull Street, Charleston, Charleston County,  
South Carolina.

Present Owner: Dr. Maxcy C. Harrelson, Jr., 18 Bull Street, Charleston,  
South Carolina.

A. Technical Description of Exterior:

This building may be contemporary with the house (about 1800) or slightly later. In recent years it has been completely altered on the inside, for dwelling purposes. It is about 18' x 60' in plan and two stories high, with a small wooden extension at the north end. It is located near the northeast corner of the house. This part of the description deals with the present state of the building.

Walls are of brick laid in Flemish bond, the brick being of a large size locally called "English," containing irregular brown spots. All mortar joints appear to have been pointed within recent years. The east wall is common bond--one header course to three stretcher courses--and there are indications that a building formerly adjoined this wall up to about three-fourths its height, along its entire length.

One brick chimney with a double hood is located on the ridge, two bays from the north end.

At the center of the south end is a wide opening with an elliptical arch, now filled with a modern door and side lights. There is a fan-light over the transom bar. The brickwork at the jambs has been pointed or altered in recent years.

The west side, which faces the garden, has six bays of windows on each story. Openings have pointed (two-centered) arches; voussoirs are wedge-shaped bricks, a stretcher alternating with two headers. Windows on the second story are double hung; the lower sash is rectangular with six lights and the upper sash is shaped to the arch, with arching muntins. The sill is wooden. Windows on the lower story are similar but taller, with two six-light rectangular sash below the spring line. They have modern brick sills. Two of these openings formerly were doorways.

The east side has one window (apparently original) at the second story and two apparently modern ones at the first story. In the pediment on each end is a round window with four painted "keystones". The openings have wood louvers. The north end has a small second-story window.

The roof is gabled and covered with slates. A stucco moulded cornice extends around the building, with a narrow frieze; the gable ends are treated as pediments. There are modern sheet-metal gutters and round conductors.

At the north end is a wooden extension about 12' long, one story high, with a shed roof of low pitch. This is of recent date--after 1940.

B. Information from Old Photographs:

1. [Albert Simons and Samuel Lapham, Jr., Charleston South Carolina (New York: Press of the American Institute of Architects, 1927)]

Before 1927 a brick shed adjoined the carriage house on the east side; its south end contained a wide opening with an elliptical arch, over which was an unsymmetrical "Dutch" gable with a brick coping. Apparently there was a shed roof over this appendage, whose facade did not bond with the brickwork of the carriage house proper.

There was a chimney on the east wall near the south end.

2. [Historic American Buildings Survey photograph by C. O. Greene, March 30, 1940]

On the west side, doors occupied the second opening from each end. The one-story wooden extension at the north end does not appear on this photograph. First-story windows had wood sills.

3. [Fay Sturtevant Lincoln, Charleston (New York: Corinthian Publications, 1946)]

In the mid-1940's there was a window in the south end at the lower story, the lower part of the opening being bricked up.

C. Remains Embedded in Adjoining One-Story Dwelling:

The small brick dwelling east of the carriage house appears to incorporate some piers and arches from the brick shed in its west wall. It was built between about 1927 and 1940.

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